SINGAPORE COMPUTER SOCIETY LAUNCHES CLOUD COMPUTING CHAPTER AT CLOUDASIA 2015

28 October 2015 - The Singapore Computer Society (SCS), which is the largest local infocomm and digital media body with over 32,000 members, will be launching the SCS Cloud Computing Chapter at the CloudAsia on 28 October 2015.

Five years ago, SCS recognized the potential and the need to harness the new wave and the fast growing market of Cloud Computing. Thus the Cloud Special Interest Group (SIG) was formed in January 2010 and a platform was set up to facilitate skills development, accelerate the building of a pool of infocomm professionals and to encourage mind-sharing in this fast emerging and technology trend.

Under the leadership of Martin Yates, then SIG Chairman, Dr Lee Hing Yan, Deputy Chairman, and the supportive committee, there has been significant growth and engagement in the cloud community. Over the last five years, the committee has organised several cloud activities including Cloud Appreciation workshops and also seminars conducted by different cloud providers - Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Cloud Azure and Google Cloud – with the objective of giving members insights into the various cloud services and platforms available.

The Cloud SIG (which is now a chapter) has attracted a membership of more than 250 members from all areas of industry since its inception. The Cloud committee has offered its expertise and support at various platforms such as seminars and focused group discussions and also contributed to publications that promote cloud computing adoption.

As cloud computing is such a wide range of topics, the Cloud Computing Chapter has identified five key technology themes. They represent hot areas of interest in the local user and professional community, namely, public cloud, private cloud, cloud security, healthcare cloud and smart nation cloud. The Chapter committee will be giving an overview of the various cloud themes at the CloudAsia Lunch Sessions on 28 and 29 October from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

SCS President Mr Howie Lau says, “There is indeed tremendous opportunity that is out there around cloud computing within the new targeted chapter cloud themes, and SCS is well positioned to take advantage of the opportunities and the strong support to rally the cloud community in Singapore. I am grateful to Martin Yates, our SCS Cloud Computing Chapter President and his dedicated slate of committee members who have made the launch possible as we celebrate the elevation of the Cloud SIG to Chapter at CloudAsia.”